

LIBRARY COMMISSION & PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
JOINT MEETING
MEETING OF NOVEMBER 7, 2007
SYNOPSIS

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Vice Chair Ruiz, Parks and Recreation Commission, at City Hall Room W-120.

Present: Commissioners Harding, Smith, Flaughner, Kim, Hamilton, Matsushima, Swineford, Martin, Ramos, Tarpey, Nguyen, Karas, Graham, Candelas, Lydon and Do.

Absent: Commissioner Richardson from the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Staff: Library Director Jane Light, Assistant Library Director Ned Himmel, Administrative Assistant Diane Longoria, Deputy Director Cynthia Bojorquez, Landscape Architect Jason Condit, Parks Planning Manager Dave Mitchell, Division Manager Matt Cano, Director Albert Balagso, Assistant Director Julie Edmonds-Mares, Interim Deputy Director Jim McBride, Senior Planner Jennifer Nusbaum, Planner Stephanie Hom and Staff Technician Jennifer Hade.

Others: Councilmember Oliverio's assistant Lan Huong Tran, Council District 6. Dennis Norris, Janice Carey, Erin Norris, Carolyn Johnson, Cathy Noble, Hattie Bronson, Carolyn Ellzey, Frank Throlkmorton, Bettie Rose-Gantt, Wyoline Littlejohn, Audray Andrews-Little, Susan Jamieson, Robert Solis, Helen Chapman and Michael LaRocca, residents.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – The agenda was approved as written.

3. NAMING OF JOINT FACILITY AT 1000 S. BASCOM AVENUE

a. Public Hearing – Vice Chair Ruiz from the Parks and Recreation Commission and Chair Martin from the Library Commission took turns in leading the public hearing. There were 12 proposed names submitted by the public. The Commissioners heard comments from a total of four members of the public. Of those speaking, three recommended the name “One Thousand Bascom Branch Library” and one recommended “Bascom Library and Community Center”. There was also a recommendation to have a plaque placed in the new library to honor Anna Maria Bascom who moved with her husband to the area in 1849.

b. Committee Discussion and Recommendation – Vice Chair Ruiz thanked the speakers for their comments. The Commissioners took into consideration the recommendations of the public. The Commissioners discussed the recommendations. Most of the Commissioners felt that reflecting neighborhood identity was important. COMMISSIONER TARPEY MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO CITY COUNCIL THAT THE LIBRARY ON 1000 BASCOM AVENUE BE NAMED “BASCOM LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY CENTER”. MOTION SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FLAUGHER. THE VOTE WAS 10 TO 1 IN FAVOR OF “BASCOM LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY CENTER”.

4. RENAMING OF JOINT FACILITY OF SOLARI COMMUNITY CENTER AND SEVENTREES LIBRARY

- a. Public Hearing – Chair Martin led the public hearing discussion on the renaming for the joint facility that will replace the Solari Community Center and Seventrees Library. There were a total of 7 proposed names submitted by the public. The Commissioners heard comments from one member of the public. One of the names recommended was “Iola Williams Community Center” and the other “The Seven Trees Community Center and Branch Library”.
- b. Committee Discussion and Recommendation – Chair Martin thanked everyone for their comments. The Commissioners discussed the recommendations. Again, Commissioners felt that reflecting neighborhood identity was important. COMMISSIONER KARAS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO CITY COUNCIL THE NAMING OF THE NEW FACILITY “SEVEN TREES COMMUNITY CENTER AND BRANCH LIBRARY”. MOTION SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER KIM. ALL APPROVED.

5. ORAL PETITIONS – None

6. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Jane Light, Secretary
San Jose Library Commission

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